



Environment, Climate Change & Water

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Attention: Kane Winwood

Dear Mr Reed

Re Modification to Project Approval No 07-0078 - Rockley Falls Quarry Holbrook

I refer to your electronic mail dated 14 February 2011 to the Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water (DECCW) seeking our comments on the proposed modification to the planning approval for the Rockley Falls Quarry.

We understand that the purpose of the modification is to construct and operate a wet-mix batch plant and to extend the operating hours for the production of concrete for the Hume Highway Woomargama Alliance (HHWA).

We have reviewed the report titled *Rockley Falls Quarry, Request for modification to the approved project, wet-mix batch plant and extended operational hours* dated February 2011 and provide the following comments for your consideration.

Wet-Mix Batch Plant

Based on the information supplied, the construction and operation of the proposed wet-mix batch plant is unlikely to increase dust or noise impacts from the existing quarry operations.

It is anticipated that up to 2,000 litres of wastewater will be generated each day from mixer bowl washout. This water must be retained in settling ponds and not discharged to surface waters until testing for suspended solids and pH is undertaken and the licence limits achieved. The licence limits for discharge are 50 milligrams per litre for total suspended solids and 6.5-8.5 for pH.

Extended Operating Hours

We understand that the crushing of material will only occur through to the end of March 2011. On this basis an extension of operating hours for the quarry is supported until the end of March 2011 to allow for short term material supply constraints. The extended operating hours for the batch plants is supported through to completion of the Woomargama dual carriageway bypass.

DECCW's support of the extended operating hours relies on the proponent ensuring the proposed extension of operating hours does not exceed the noise limits prescribed in the licence and adversely impact on the amenity of residents in the locality.

Environment Protection Licence

Modification to the existing environment protection licence is not required as concrete batching is not a scheduled activity under the *Protection of the Environment Operations Act, 1997*. DECCW remains the appropriate regulatory authority for the activity.

If you have any further enquiries about this matter please contact Chris Burton by telephoning 02 6022 0609.

Yours sincerely



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